

**FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
FREDERICK SENIOR CENTER
October 6, 2008**

DOA MEMBERS	DOA STAFF	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	GUESTS
William P. Allen, PhD	Kitty Devilbiss	Lloyd Hoover	Susan M. Adams	Patti Camp
Earl S. Beck, PhD	Susan M Ramsburg Recording Sec	Alan Imhoff, Alderman	Robert Wannemacher	
Rae Ann Butler		Margaret Nusbaum		
Harold A. Ehart, Jr., Chair		Carolyn True		
David Gray, Comm.				
Ona M. John Kile				
Louise Lynch				
Burt Shawver				
Virginia Skelley				
Anna Mary Snyder				

- I. **Call to Order – Hal Ehart, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions –** Hal Ehart welcomed all attendees and introductions/affiliations were made.
- III. **Approval of Minutes –** There was no quorum therefore the minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting were not approved.
- IV. **Commissioner's Report –** Commissioner David Gray gave a brief report on the overall status of the county. There have been some shortages in the budget due to the decrease in the recordation tax. There has been an increase in citizen participation at County meetings. Most meetings are now available for viewing on-line at the county website.
- V. **“Lobbying 101” Update, Louise Lynch –** The meeting held in Hagerstown, MD this morning was very impressive and efficiently organized. It was well attended by both delegates and citizens. There were four questions asked of each delegate. The questions and

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answers were very straight forward. All delegates reiterated that there are currently no extra funds available for programs. There was interest in a program which will encourage younger adults to invest in long-term care insurance. The Washington County forum wants to equalize the property tax credit exemption for the elderly whether they are with or without dependents. A task force is needed to organize a coalition for Frederick to work on these issues at home. Please see Louise or Hal if you are interested.

Joe Baldi and Brad Peterson will be attending the CoA meeting next month to discuss the various property tax credit programs available to seniors.

State Commission on Aging Activity Update, Louise Lynch –

Information was presented on the different programs available to assist seniors with financial needs. All programs have waiting lists that increase daily.

- VI. Report from the Nominating Committee, Earl Beck –** The committee has not met at this time. They will have a report at next month's meeting.

Plan 9, Kitty Devilbiss – A PowerPoint presentation reviewed ways to keep safe during an extended disaster. The **9** represents the items you should keep in an emergency kit to sustain you for three days. This information will be presented to area Senior Centers. Homebound clients receive reminders regarding emergency preparedness twice a year. Information is available on-line on the Frederick County Government website. Frederick County is making a very large effort to educate on emergency preparedness.

- VII. Director's Report, Carolyn True –** No report at this time.

Senior Center Programs – Kitty Devilbiss reported that the Weathering Winter seminars have been very successful at the centers who have presented so far.

Housing Commission, Pete Allen – The Council is investigating developing a Community Land Trust which will provide land for affordable housing on a long term basis. It was reported that there is a 14% increase in the number of foreclosures for those age 55+ since 1991. HUD is initiating a program that will release money to communities to offset potential bankruptcies and foreclosures. There are not application details available at this time.

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VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Ramsburg,
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

**November 10, 2008 – COA Meeting at 1:00 pm, Frederick Senior Center,
1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702**

**November 25, 2008 – COA Executive Committee Meeting, Department of
Aging, 1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702**